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PASS DR. ROBERT WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR, NOAA, AND ROBERT
SCHONING, DIRECTOR NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: JAPAN EXPECTED

NOT TO FILE OBJECTIONS THIS YEAR TO IWC RECOMMENDA-
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1. AT FISHERIES RECEPTION EVENING AUGUST 5, TOSHIHIKO
OHBA, DIRECTOR, WATER QUALITY CONTROL BUREAU, ENVIRON-
MENT AGENCY (FORMER DIRECTOR, MARINE FISHERIES DIVISION,
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FISHERIES AGENCY), INFORMED REGFISHATT THAT HE DID NOT

BELIEVE JAPAN WOULD FILE OBJECTIONS TO IWC RECOMMENDATIONS THIS YEAR. FROM CONVERSATION, IT WAS APPARENT OHBA IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH MATSUURA WHO SUCCEEDED HIM IN FISHERIES AGENCY IN MAY 1974. CONTACTS APPARENTLY INITIATED BY MATSUURA WHO PRESENTLY LACKS EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES PROBLEMS AND SEEKS GUIDANCE FROM OHBA.

2. AT LUNCHEON AUGUST 6 WITH REGFISHATT, IINO, SECOND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, STATED GOJ HAS NOT YET RECEIVED VIEWS OF JAPANESE WHALING INDUSTRY WHETHER IT WOULD RECOMMEND THAT JAPAN SHOULD SUBMIT OBJECTIONS TO IWC RECOMMENDATIONS. AT ANY RATE, HE STATED FONOFF WOULD OPPOSE SUCH AN INITIATIVE AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT FISHERIES AGENCY WOULD SUPPORT FONOFF POSITION. IINO ADDED THAT FONOFF WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FISHERIES AGENCY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE GOJ'S ACCEPTANCE OF IWC'S DECISIONS SO AS TO CLARIFY ISSUE QUICKLY. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED AGENCY APPARENTLY HOLDING OFF MAKING SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT SINCE IT DID NOT WISH TO CONVEY IMPRESSION TO INDUSTRY THAT IT WAS ACTING TOO RAPIDLY AND WAS NOT GIVING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO INDUSTRY'S PROBLEMS.

3. IINO'S JUDGMENT WAS THAT INDUSTRY WOULD NOT RECOMMEND TO GOJ THAT JAPAN FILE OBJECTIONS THIS YEAR BUT MAY RECOMMEND THAT JAPAN FILE OBJECTIONS NEXT YEAR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF AUSTRALIAN SELECTIVE MORATORIUM RECOMMENDATION. HODGSON

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